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Very Fine FRENCH CAMBRIC,
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The "Close of a Journey through Hainan."
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Applications for Shares will be received by
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, November 21, 1883. no23

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.
ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the SUEZ CANAL IN QUANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in Egypt. The Homebound Steamers are now being landed at VENICE, but the QUANTINE, which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL PORTS prevents the landing of Passengers and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessels which call at MARSEILLES in order to stop a few hours only to discharge Cargo, and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUANTINE delays and inconveniences. The Passages of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 14 Cents per pound.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, September 16, 1883.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
27, PRAYA CENTRAL.
COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANYAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COOK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANON, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
A Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.
WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.
By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, October 22, 1883.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 24th November, 1883, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, —
A FINE ASSORTMENT OF
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comprising —
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&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, November 21, 1883. no24

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WEDNESDAY,
the 5th December, 1883, at Noon, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, —
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OLD IRON, HOOPS, FILES, INDIA RUBBER, CANYAS, PAPER STUFF, WRAPPERS, LIGNUM VITAE, TOBACCO, CROCKERY, IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c., &c.
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Hongkong, November 21, 1883. no24

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Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

TO LET.
"BISNEE VILLA" Pokfulong, furnished.
No. 4, SEMPOI TERRACE.
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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, November 7, 1883.

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For Particulars, apply to
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Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

Notices to Consignees.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship "Mower," Captain LONGLEY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S. S. "TAKACHIMO MARU," FROM KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND PONTIANAK.
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FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
(Calling at SINGAPORE.)
The Steamship "Polyphonia," Capt. HUYSSON, will be despatched on above on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at 4 p.m.
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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)
The Co.'s Steamship "Blanca," Capt. NORMAN, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.
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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND.)
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Agents.
Hongkong, November 3, 1883.

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The Steamship "Benlar," Capt. HUYSSON, will be despatched on above on or about the 20th Instant.
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship "Bellevue," Capt. EDWARDS, will be despatched on or about the 24th Instant.
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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
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The Steamship "Bucca," Capt. DODD, will be despatched on above on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant, at 4 p.m.
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FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 L.L.I. German Ship "Otto," Capt. FORTMANN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
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The 4/1 British Barque "William Monson," Capt. KENDRICK, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
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BAROMETRIC level of the sea in fathoms, tens, and hundreds.

DEPRESSION in the barometer in inches.

DEPRESSION OF WIND is registered every 10 minutes. N., N.N.E., N.E., E., etc.

FORCE OF WIND is registered in 3 light breeze, 4 moderate, 5 moderate strong, 6 strong, 7 heavy, 8 very heavy, 9 to 10 violent.

INDICATION OF WEATHER:—A. Clear blue sky. C. Strong, B. Drizzly. F. Fog. G. Foggy. H. Hazy. I. Lightning. J. Misty. O. Overcast.

RAINING SHOWS:—A. Drizzle. B. Rainy.

SHOWERS:—P. Thunder. U. Calm, threatening.

WIND:—V. Storm. Z. Calm.

When the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z are repeated to indicate any increase over the amount of their signification.

WINDS.—The hours of the day to which the winds (moon) are registered from the previous day, and the quantity of water fallen indicated in inches.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY.
TENTH YEAR.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese literature and history, has reached its Twelfth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are uppermost in the minds of students of the "Far East" and about which every intelligent person conversant with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new department has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

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The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points. The Correspondents' column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, Imperial, Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chambers, Eitel, Bretschneider, Hirth, and Hanco, Watson, Legge, and Messrs. Balfour, Fothergill, Stent, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Jamieson, Fisher, Knapton, Parker, Playfair, Giles, and Pilon, all well-known names indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

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2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private homes of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable articles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of stamps exhibited before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Peking, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 8 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

2. The following cannot be transmitted:—
Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.)
Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed:—
1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the same of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—
Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.
Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required;—
2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, or by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, handbags, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h, near the Kowloon shore k, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked e, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the P. and O. Co.'s Factory.
3. From P. and O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tonnage.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.						
Amatista	Brit. str.	522	Nov. 22	Russell & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Chollerton	Brit. str.	1733	Nov. 21	Siemens & Co.	Batavia, &c.	To-morrow
Compta	Dutch str.	1300	Nov. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Compta	Brit. str.	2768	Nov. 9	O. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Danab	Brit. str.	501	Nov. 23	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Emu	Span. str.	414	June 30	Rennell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Fame	Brit. str.	117	Nov. 22	H. K. & W. Poon Dock Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Fushun	Brit. str.	1503	Nov. 22	C. M. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Glaucus	Brit. str.	1497	Nov. 22	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Gordon Castle	Brit. str.	1320	Nov. 11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Hollow	Brit. str.	896	Nov. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Julietta	Span. str.	376	Nov. 21	Melchers & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Kaisar-I-Hind	Brit. str.	2400	Nov. 23	O. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Kiang-ping	Chi. str.	360	Nov. 13	C. M. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Lee Yuen	Chi. str.	734	Nov. 23	C. M. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Lusitania	Ger. str.	738	Nov. 13	Order	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Modusa	Aust. str.	1775	Nov. 22	Melchers & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Mosser	Brit. str.	1326	Nov. 22	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Namoa	Brit. str.	892	Nov. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Nippon	Brit. str.	1039	Nov. 23	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Polyrhina	Ger. str.	1053	Nov. 18	Siemens & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Rajasthan	Brit. str.	703	Nov. 16	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Romulus	Span. str.	311	Oct. 28	Dun, Malye & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Sea Gull	Amer. str.	48	Nov. 16	China Traders' Insurance Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Sclombria	Brit. str.	1932	Nov. 16	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Stentor	Brit. str.	1390	Nov. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Suez	Brit. str.	1390	Nov. 23	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Taiwan	Brit. str.	1009	Nov. 20	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Takachiko Maru	Japan. str.	1407	Nov. 21	C. M. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Tao-Nan	Chi. str.	1292	Nov. 23	C. M. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Trump	Dutch str.	137	Oct. 11	Edwards Schell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Venice	Brit. str.	1271	Nov. 19	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Vortigern	Brit. str.	879	Oct. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Sailing Vessels.						
Asteria	Brit. bga.	211	Sept. 26	Order	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Bonito	Brit. bga.	524	Nov. 18	Wilder & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Bothwell Castle	Brit. bga.	502	Oct. 26	Chinese	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Comet	Brit. bga.	1033	Nov. 2	Captain	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Francine	Brit. bga.	393	Nov. 19	Wilder & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Gesine Bros.	Brit. bga.	400	Nov. 19	Wilder & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Haydn Brown	Amer. bga.	821	Oct. 19	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Hindoo	Ger. bga.	541	Nov. 18	Wilder & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
John A. Bond	Amer. bga.	670	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Lilly Grace	Hawa. bga.	542	Nov. 13	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Mount Lebanon	Brit. bktine.	530	Oct. 12	Rozaf & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Nardoo	Brit. bga.	379	Oct. 29	Siemens & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
N. Gibson	Amer. bga.	704	Nov. 3	Horne & Co., Limited	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Onida	Amer. sh.	1130	Oct. 27	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Orio	Ger. sh.	1205	Oct. 19	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Orion	Amer. sh.	1383	Nov. 3	O. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Sarah S. Rigby	Amer. bga.	833	Sept. 18	Chinese	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Spartan	Amer. sch.	85	May 20	W. H. Ray	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Theodor Bigger	Ger. sh.	1030	Nov. 16	Thomas Rowe & Smith	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Three Brothers	Brit. bga.	366	Sept. 1	E. B. M. S. S. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Twilight	Amer. sh.	1263	June 8	Adams, Ball & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Wildwood	Amer. bga.	1039	Sept. 23	B. M. S. S. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
William Manson	Brit. bga.	368	Oct. 1	Russell & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Wrocker	Amer. sch.	55	July 16	Blackhead & Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow
Zouave	Amer. sh.	1203	Aug. 3	O. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morrow

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships in the China Squadron.

Name.	Rig.	Tonnage.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Albatross	composite screw sloop	940	4	840	Commander Chas. Hicks	Shanghai
Audacious	double-screw iron frigate	6010	14	4330	Captain R. E. Tracey	Nagasaki
Champion	corvette	2380	14	2340	Captain A. T. Powlett	Hongkong
Cicada	corvette	2380	14	2310	Captain H. N. Hippelary	Hongkong
Cockatrice	corvette	2380	14	2310	Lieut.-Com. Robt. L. Grooms	Shanghai
Curacao	corvette	2380	14	2310	Captain Anstruther	Shanghai
Darling	composite sloop	940	4	920	Commander F. J. J. Elliott	Hongkong
Esk	double-screw gunboat	560	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Espoir	gunboat	430	4	455	Commander E. H. Gamble	Japan
Flying Fish	sloop	940	4	840	Lieut.-Commander Hoekyn	Hongkong
Fly	double-screw gun-vessel	640	4	460	Commander John Hope	Sasakawa
Hamoud	gunboat	470	4	470	Lieut.-Commander McQuhee	Shanghai
Kestrel	double-screw gun-vessel	710	4	830	Commander E. Hoffman	Canton
Linnnet	double-screw gun-vessel	767	5	1050	Commander J. J. Jones	Singapore
Maggie	surveying vessel	803	3	600	Lieut.-Com. A. Carpenter	Hongkong
Midge	double-screw gun-vessel	465	4	470	In reserve	Hongkong
Pegasus	composite screw sloop	1130	6	970	Commander Bickford	Singapore
Sappho	corvette	1370	12	2360	Captain Fullerton	Corea
Schoel	double-screw gun-vessel	714	4	1010	Commander Wm. Collins	Hongkong
Sword	double-screw gunboat	360	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	987	20	—	Commander Camling	Hongkong
Vigilant	paddle dispatch-vessel	855	2	1230	Lieut.-Com. Maxwell	Shanghai
Wivern	turret-ship	1800	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	430	4	450	Lieut.-Com. G. N. A. Pollard	Hongkong

For H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy List.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	N.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Ahrook	Russian aviso	1100	7	300	Captain Schanz	Vladivostok
Enterprise	American corvette	1375	6	900	Commander A. S. Barker	Shanghai
Ernak	Russian transport	1000	4	80	Captain Kolchoa	Japan
Essex	American sloop	1375	6	1200	Captain McCormack	Nagasaki
Gornostai	Russian gunboat	450	7	80	Commander Stark	Vladivostok
Hamelin	French cruiser	—	—	—	Commander Roustan	Tonquin
Idia	German gunboat	420	8	100	Commander Klaus	Hongkong
Juniata	American corvette	1900	—	—	Commander P. F. Harrington	Canton
Kersaint	French sloop	1182	—	375	Commander de Beaumont	Tonquin
La Victorieuse	French ironclad	4176	15	2314	Captain D. de la Balis	Hongkong
Leopold	Spanish transport	1200	2	—	D. Ramon Valentin Buenaplata	Shanghai
Leopold	German corvette	3000	16	400	Captain Herbig	Nagasaki
Lutia	French gunboat	437	4	100	Captain Rouvier	Canton
Monoway	American sloop	1100	6	250	Commander C. S. Cotton	Nagasaki
Morge	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Moltoff	Vladivostok
Najezdnick	Russian corvette	1500	—	—	Captain Kalageras	en route Shanghai
Nepra	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Valrandt	Vladivostok
Opritchnik	Russian corvette	1400	—	—	Captain B. Ivashintsov	Swatow
Palos	American gunboat	306	6	200	Lieut.-Commander Glidden	Ohfoo
Penacoola	American frigate	3000	—	—	Captain H. Erben	Hongkong
Richmond	American frigate	3300	14	500	Captain Kierrett	Yokohama
Stebbleff	Russian corvette	2000	—	—	Captain Blanchard	Yokohama
Stokh	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Boyle	Nagasaki
Stokh	German frigate	2030	19	700	Com. Glomda von Buchholz	Hongkong
Tamaya	Portuguese gunboat	410	—	—	Captain P. da Costa Cabral	Macao
Tongous	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Hook	Singapore
Tourville	French steel frigate	5523	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	7465	Captain Bose	Amoy
Triumphante	French ironclad	4176	14	2400	Captain Baux	Ohfoo
Villars	French corvette	2400	15	675	Captain Dewatre	Shanghai
Volta	French corvette	1800	—	—	Captain Fournier	Yokohama
Vortock	Russian gunboat	—	4	—	Commander Molchonsky	Vladivostok
Wolf	German gunboat	428	4	340	Commander von Raven	Shanghai